has recently taken firm steps to stop encroachment in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that encroachment in West Delhi particularly in DDA flats has increased manifold; and

(d) if so, the steps Government propose to take to demolish all such encroachments which have come up during the year 1989 in West Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) Delhi Administration has directed public agencies to maintain strict vigil and to take preventive action. Control Rooms have also been set up by the Delhi Development Authority. Municipal Corporation of Delhi, New Delhi Municipal Committee and the Deputy Commissioner, Delhi, to facilitate prompt reporting of encroachments by public.

(c) and (d). The Delhi Develoment Authority and the Municipal Cororation of Delhi have reported unauthorised construction in their respective jurisdiction including in DDA flats. Action has been taken by Delhi Development Authority and Municipal Corporation of Delhi under Delhi Development Act, 1957 and Delhi Municipal Corporation Act, 1957 resectively.

Uncultivated land in the country

2265. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a large area still uncultivated in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and Union territory-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that some area of the above land has since been converted into agricultural land;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether Government propose to convert the remaining uncultivated land into agricultural land; and

(f) if so, the details of the programmes to be taken up in this regard and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL): (a) and (b) The extent of uncultivated land is subject to annual variation. Out of the total geographical area of about 329 million ha., according to current estimates, an extent of about 41-42 million ha. is classified as uncultivated land including permanent pasture and grazing lands, miscellaneous tree crops, groves, culturable wastelands, fallows other than current fallows. A statement showing statewise information is annexed. (*See* below).

(c) to (f) State and Central Governments are undertaking programmes for bringing the uncultivated wastelands under biomass production primarily for fuel and fodder. Increased agricultural production is sought to be achieved through vartical growth in productivity rather than through horizontal spread.

Statement

State/UT-wise details of Uncultivated Area (1986-87)

(Area in 000 Hct.)

Sl. No.	Name of State/U.T.	Extent of uncultivated land
1	Andhra Pradesh	3505
2	Arunachal Pradesh	140
3	Assam	619
4	Bihar	1840
5	Goa	101
6	Gujarat	2852
7	Haryana	52
8	Himachal Pradesh	1384
9	Jammu & Kashmir	356
10	Karnataka	2385
11	Kerala	208
12	Madhya Pradesh	5481
13	Maharasthra	3740
14	Manipur	24
15	Meghalaya	877
16	Mizoram	340
17	Nagaland	518
18	Orissa	2246
19	Punjab	44
20	Rajasthan	9843
21	Sikkim	84
22	Tamil Nadu	1559
23	Tripura	55
24	Uttar Pradesh	2829
25	West Bengal	326
26	Andaman & Nicobar	43
27	Chandigarh	..
28	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	1
29	Delhi	20
30	Daman & Diu	4
31	Lakshadweep	..
32	Pondicherry	5
	TOTAL	41481